TRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir. The cultivated area of 142.7 million hectares during the year 1983-84 represents 46.9 per cent of the reporting area for land utilisation statistics. The irrigated area is 29.39 per cent of the net sown area.

(b) To generate improved practices for increasing the productivity of rainfed crops, the ICAR initiated an All India Coordinated Research Project on Dryland Agriculture (AICRPDA) in 1970 with 23 cooperating research centres representing the various agro-climatic regions of the country. The various coordinated crop improvement projects of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research have evolved several improved cultivators of dryland crops. The improved production techniques developed by AICRPDA include (i) selection of suitable varieties and crops in relation to the effective growing season, (ii) increasing cropping intensity and reducing risk through intercropping and sequence cropping, (iii) improved soil conservation measures and cultural practices for increasing soil moisture storage (iv) package of improved agronomic practices and (v) alternate land use systems.

The results of a large number of trials on farmers' fields in operational research project, have indicated that the productivity of dryland crops can easily be increased by 100—200 per cent by adopting the improved dry farming practices. Encouraged by these results the Government of India have initiated a National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Agriculture during 1986-87 in 99 districts of 16 States falling in the rainfall range of 500—1125 mm.

Action on recommendation of sub-committee on Agricultural Labour

2637. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2286 given in Rajya Sabha on the 12th August, 1988 and state:

(a) the responses of the States and Union Territories to the recommendations of a sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee attached to the Ministry of Labour; and

(b) the progress made by the National Commission on Rural Labour on each count in the light of the above recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) A conference of States Labour Minister was convened at New Delhi on 7th November, 1988 to discuss *inter alia*, the recommendation of the sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee attached to the Ministry of Labour. Members of the Consultative Committee were also invited to attend this conference. The conference made suggestions/recommendations on various aspects of the report. The consensus was in favour of vigorous implementation of the existing laws.

(b) The National Commission on Rural Labour is a high powered Commission. The report of such a Commission generally takes into account all relevant material, including the Report/recommendations of the Committees/Bodies preceding its report. The Commission has not submitted any report.

Outstanding dues against ex. M.Ps and ex-Ministers

2637. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some former Members of the Central Cabinet who have shifted from Delhi are still keeping Govrnment accommodation in their possession; if so, what are their names and since when they are in unauthorised occupation; what action has been initiated to get the accommodations vacated from their possession; also the amount due from each one of them;

(b) what are the names of former Members of Parliament who are still in occupation of Government accommodation in Delhi; also the amount due from each one of them;

(c) what is the number of persons who are out of the Central Cabinet but are still occupying Bungalows meant for a Minister and what are their names; and

(d) the names of persons against whom action has been taken to get those accommodation vacated and also of those to whom some concessions have been extended; what is the party affiliation of each one?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Recommendation of high powered committee for cotton grower

2639. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High powered committee headed by Reserve Bank's Deputy Govrenor, Dr. Ojha has recommended for the cotton-growing farmers as under:

(i) the development of white fly/helio this resistant varieties of cotton;

(ii) ensuring availability of effective pesticide even if it may require import of some chemicals;

(iii) setting up of a National Level Board for regulating the cotton production and marketing as for tobacco and jute;

(iv) increase in irrigation facilities; and

(v) education of farmers to diversify the cropping pattern instead of concentrating on cotton; and

(b) the progress made on each count to safeguard the interests of cotton growers for the next cotton-crop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of the High Powered Committee for cotton growing farmers have been received in November, 1988. Permission to import effective pesticides for control of white fly and heliothis has already been granted. Action on the other recommendations of the Report have also been initiated.

खाद्य तेल की कालाबाजारी

2640. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खाद्य तेल, जिसे सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से बेचा जाना था, कालेबाजार में बेचा जा रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री डी.एल. बैठा) : (क) और (ख) राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों को आवश्यक वस्तु अधिनियम तथा चोरबाजारी निवारण और आवश्यक वस्तु प्रदाय अधिनियम के तहत चोरबाजारी आदि से निपटने के लिए शक्तियां दी गई हैं । इसलिए इस तरह की शिकायतें सामान्यतया उनके द्वारा प्राप्त की जाती हैं तथा निपटाई जाती है। राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को समय-समय पर सलाह दी गई है कि वे व्यापारियों द्वारा किए जाने वाले कदाचारों को रोकने के लिए उपयुक्त कदम उठाएं।

Pepsi versus Coca Cola

2641. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article published in Sunday Magazine of 6—12 March, 1988 "The Cola Wars: Pepsi, is it";